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SUBJECT: ANCHOVY SITUATION

1. PRESS AND TV REPORT STOPPAGE ALL INDUSTRIAL ANCHOVY FISHING AS OF NOVEMBER 29, WITH TOTAL ANCHOVY CATCH TO DATE 3,729,000 M.T.

2. OFFICIAL SOURCES CONTACTED DISAGREE SOMEWHAT. MINISTRY FISHERY SOURCE STATES FISHING CONTINUING, POSSIBLY UNTIL END OF DECEMBER. SEA INSTITUTE REPORTS MINISTERIAL RESOLUTION IN PREPARATION DEFINING CONDITIONS.

3. EXPECT THAT SOME FISHING MAY CONTINUE BUT WITH NOT MORE THAN 150 BOATS AND LIMITED TO CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS WHERE LARGER FISH AND FEWER PELADILLA PRESENT.

4. IT POSSIBLE THAT FISHING MAY EVEN CONTINUE UNTIL LATTER PERIOD QUOTA 2 MILLION TONS REACHED OR ABOUT 400,000 M.T. ADDITIONAL. FISHMEAL PRODUCTION COULD THUS REACH 1.1 MILLION M.T. INCLUDING RECOVERY FROM SPECIES OTHER THAN ANCHOVY PLUS FOOD FISH WASTES.

5. LAST WEEKS DAILY CATCHES REPORTEDLY AVERAGED 30,000 TONS OR MORE. THE INCREASING NUMBER OF BOATS USED INDICATED

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DECLINING CATCH PER BOAT HOWEVER.

6. WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN MORE KNOWN.
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